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1. EMBOFF SPOKE TO DURAN, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS (ASSISTANT SECRETARY RANK) AND SAID THAT OUR EMBASSY IN MONROVIA HAD INFORMED US THAT THERE WAS A SPANISH CHARGE, MR. CABRERA, IN MONROVIA AND THEREFORE IT SEEMED QUITE AWKWARD FOR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MONROVIA TO BE TAKING AN INTEREST.

2. DURAN WAS SOMEWHAT DISCONCERTED, WENT TO HIS DIPLOMATIC LIST AND CONFIRMED THAT MONROVIA WAS BLANK, EXCEPT OF COURSE FOR THE RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN ACCRA. DURAN THEN WENT TO THEIR AFRICAN BUREAU AND SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED US BACK THIS MORNING TO SAY THERE IS NO REPEAT NO SPANISH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION RESIDENT IN MONROVIA. CABRERA IS THEIR MAN IN MONROVIA ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF BEING A CLERK. THEY DO NOT REPEAT NOT USE HIM FOR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS--ONLY THE AMBASSADOR IN ACCRA WHO,
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WHEN LAST IN MONROVIA IN MID-MAY, DID INDEED SPEAK TO PRESIDENT TUBMAN ON THE ISSUE. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE SPANISH RECEIVED THE REPORT THAT THE LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE OAU HAD INDICATED IN SOME FASHION (REF) LIBERIA'S SUPPORT FOR THE CANARIES INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. DURAN THEN REITERATED THE SPANISH REQUEST, ASKING THAT WE MAKE A DISCREET FOLLOW UP APPROACH ON THEIR BEHALF.

3. REGARDLESS OF HOW CABRERA IS STYLED IN MONROVIA, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE SPANISH DO NOT REGARD HIM AS THEIR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE, WHATEVER USEFUL WORK HE MIGHT BE DOING OTHERWISE.

4. THIS IS THE SITUATION AS WE UNDERSTAND IT. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, CONSIDERING THE FACTORS SET FORTH IN OUR FIRST MESSAGE. STABLER

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